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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting at OSO/OSD on Future Cold War Air Requirements

1. A meeting was held in [REDACTED] office, Thursday, 18 August to discuss general policies in connection with the Agency's utilization of military aircraft in support of future Cold War Contingencies. Present at the meeting were:

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2. [REDACTED] pointed out that the Department of Defense could act very rapidly (within 24 to 48 hours) to meet Agency requirements if aircraft selected were in current inventories. Use of obsolete aircraft would necessitate preparation, at Agency expense, of such aircraft well in advance of any contingency and maintenance by the Agency on a continuing basis to insure readiness. Spare support under the latter condition would also be difficult and costly.

3. It was agreed that the first step would be the designation of a joint DPD-OSO Committee to screen the DOD aircraft inventory against the DII technical and deniability requirements to determine which aircraft, if any, in the DOD inventory could qualify. This screening would include an examination of the extent of distribution to other governments and/or commercial organizations in the interest of assuring maximum deniability.

4. Use of military personnel in connection with Cold War Contingencies was discussed. It was decided that their use as instructors or in connection with maintenance would be confined to the ZI.

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5. [REDACTED] suggested the creation of a CIA air reserve force, primarily to augment our transport crew capability in the event a situation develops where use of U.S. Nationals would be acceptable.

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6. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the first order of business would be the screening of DOD inventories against DPD requirements. It is recommended that DPD representation should be drawn from Operations and Materiel.

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Distribution

- 0 - AC/DPD
- 1 - CAS/DPD ([REDACTED])
- 1 - C/OPS/DPD
- X - AC/ADMIN/DPD
- 1 - FIN/DPD
- 1 - C/MB/DPD
- 1 - RI/DPD

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